John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

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Note from our Executive Head Teacher

Welcome back to the summer term, I hope you've had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school refreshed, enthusiastic and ready to learn. This term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with a wide range of engaging learning opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. We are particularly looking forward to a number of educational visits that will enrich the curriculum and provide memorable, hands-on experiences for our children.

We are also delighted to begin our Class Sharing Assemblies this term. These are special occasions where children can celebrate and showcase their learning with families. The children take great pride in these moments and look forward to seeing parents and carers in attendance. Please do make a note of your child's assembly date to ensure you don't miss it.

Our first assemblies will take place on **Wednesday 22nd April**: **Class 5L at 09:15 in the Juniors' Hall**, and **Class 2C at 14:30 in the Infants' Hall.**

A reminder that the school will be closed to all pupils, except Year 6, on Thursday 7th May as the premises will be used as a polling station for the Local Council Elections.

All key dates and upcoming events can be found in the Summer 1 calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Attendance and Punctuality

Key Stage winners EYFS: RN with 96.7%
ARP: Sky with 93.1% KS1: 1B with 98.1%
LKS2: 4J with 98.1% UKS2: 5L with 96.48%
Overall whole school attendance: 93.9%
(Below target of 96.1%)

Safeguarding our pupils

If you are worried about a child, please complete a confidential form (available at the School Office) and return it to the office or a member of the Safeguarding Team as soon as possible:

Miss Rajan-Weare: Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Langridge: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Buckle: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Walker: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Hart: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Southall and Mrs Rose: Safeguarding Governors

Words of the Week

W/b 20/04/2026: Honesty

W/b 27/04/2026: Diversity

Winners of Easter Bonnet Competition – ARP and KS1

The Easter Bonnet competitions and parades for the ARP and pupils in Years 1 and 2 took place on Wednesday 15th April. It was wonderful to see the fantastic designs created and proudly worn by the children. We would like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to support their children with these creative efforts.

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Easter Bonnet Competition in the ARP and Key Stage 1. They are:

- ARP Sea class: Ethan B.
- ARP Sky class: Silviu Ch.
- 1A: Ruby L.
- 1B: Elario A.
- 1S: Maya B.
- 2C: Devam B.
- 2R: Mahira L.
- 2W: Ganella K.

Congratulations to all of our winners, and well done to everyone who took part in the competition.

A reminder that the rescheduled Easter Bonnet parade and competition for our Reception pupils will take place tomorrow, Tuesday 21st April, at 2:30pm on Teletubby Hill, weather permitting.

Miss Rahman's Book Recommendations

EYFS/KS1: '**Ten Delicious Teachers'** by Ross Montgomery. Ten very foolish teachers have missed the last bus home. But LOOK – a shortcut through the forest! They'll be back in time for tea! Off they skip, unaware that in the woods a hungry horde of mischievous and hilariously goofy monsters is waiting…This is a very funny counting book that is gently thrilling and written in a deliciously infectious rhyme with witty and whimsical illustrations. Perfect for children starting or going back to school.

KS2: '**Booked'** by Kwame Alexander. Twelve-year-old Nick is a football-mad boy who absolutely hates books. In this prize-winning novel, football, family, love, and friendship take centre stage as Nick tries to figure out how to navigate his parents' break-up, stand up to bullies, and impress the girl of his dreams. These challenges – which seem even harder than scoring a tie-breaking, game-winning goal – change his life, as well as his best friend's. This energetic novel-in-verse by the poet Kwame Alexander captures all the thrills and setbacks, the action and emotion of a World Cup match.

Calendar for Summer 1: April/May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20 Word of the Week Assemblies: Honesty	21 Reception Easter bonnet parade and competition: 14:30, Teletubby Hill *(parents invited)*	22 Class Sharing Assembly – 5L, 09:15, Juniors' Hall Class Sharing Assembly – 2C, 14:30, Infants' Hall	23	24 Virtual Celebration Assemblies	25	26
27 Word of the Week Assemblies: Diversity Parent coffee morning on Safeguarding and Attendance – 09:05, Conference Room	28 School nurse Drop In: 09:00-10:00, Conference Room. Nursery AM Sports Day: 09:15 – 10:00, Juniors' field Reception Sports Day: 13:45 – 15:00, Juniors' field)	29 Class Sharing Assembly – 5U, 09:15, Juniors' Hall Class Sharing Assembly – 2R, 14:30, Infants' Hall	30 Years 1 and 2 Sports Day: 09:15 – 10:45, Juniors' field Years 3 and 4 Sports Day: 11:00 – 12:15, Juniors' field Nursery PM Sports Day: 14:15 – 15:00, Juniors' field	1 Deadline for children in KS2 to bring in Easter-themed shoeboxes Virtual Celebration Assemblies	2	3
4 **May Bank Holiday – School Closed**	5 Word of the Week Assemblies: Courtesy	6 Class Sharing Assembly – 5T, 09:15, Juniors' Hall Class Sharing Assembly – 2W, 14:30, Infants' Hall	7 **Local Election Polling Day – school closed for most children** **Year 6 children in school – 09:00 – 12:00**	8 Virtual Celebration Assemblies	9	10
11 Word of the Week Assemblies: Maturity KS2 (Year 6) SATs week – children invited to have breakfast in school all week SATs test (Year 6): English grammar, punctuation and spelling: Papers 1 and 2	12 SATs test (Year 6): English grammar, punctuation and spelling: Papers 1 and 2	13 SATs test (Year 6): Mathematics: Papers 1 and 2 Class Sharing Assembly – 4J, 09:15, Juniors' Hall Class Sharing Assembly – 1A, 14:30, Infants' Hall	14 SATs test (Year 6): Mathematics Paper 3 5T Summer Gardening with Trader Workshop, 09:45 -12:00	15 'Spare change fundraiser' to raise funds towards the Year 6 Leavers event Virtual Celebration Assemblies	16	17

School Closure – Thursday 7th May

John Perry Primary School will be closed to most pupils on Thursday 7th May, as the premises will be used as a polling station for the upcoming local election.

Pupils in Reception to Year 5 will take part in online learning during the morning. In the afternoon, they will be set independent tasks to complete at home, while teachers undertake planning, preparation and assessment activities. If you would like the school kitchen to provide a packed lunch for your child on this day, please inform the school office in advance.

Year 6 pupils are expected to attend school as normal from 9:00am to 12:00pm. They will then complete independent learning tasks at home in the afternoon.

Please ensure that school has your updated contact details and end of the day dismissal permissions.



This month's focus is all about the power of repetition. Hearing words again and again helps children become familiar with them, making it easier to understand, remember, and eventually use those words themselves.

Repetition is a simple but effective way to help new vocabulary "stick." Try weaving repetition into everyday moments. For example, if your child is playing with a ball, you might say: "Ball! Yep, a ball! A big, bouncy ball!" The more they hear a word used naturally, the more likely it is to become part of their vocabulary.

Top tips for talking to children about staying safe online

1. Start with the positives
Being online can be a great way for children to learn, be creative, and stay connected with friends and family. Recognising these benefits helps keep conversations balanced and encourages confident, safe use of technology.

2. Find the right time and place
Choose a calm moment to talk, such as during a walk, car journey, or shared activity. Avoid starting the conversation when emotions are high or during a disagreement.

3. Use child-facing resources and advice
Support your conversation with age-appropriate tools, videos, or guides. These can help children understand key messages and make the discussion more engaging and relevant to their stage of development.

4. Ask about their experiences
Use open questions like:

- 'Have you seen anything online that made you uncomfortable?'
- 'Who do you chat with online?'
- 'Are they people you know offline?'
- 'How do you feel when using certain apps or games?'

5. Make it part of everyday life
These chats don't need to be formal or one-off. Regular, relaxed conversations help children feel supported and more likely to speak up if something worries them.

Stars of the Week

Friday 17th April 2026

NAM: Suleyman Quresh NPM: Afra Mohamed Farhan						
Reception:	RD	Sebastian Perlog.	RZ	Avirajbir Singh	RN	Blossom Cyprian.
Year One:	1B	Muskaan Zaara	1S	Rafael Vitelaru.	1A	Ibrahim Ahmed
Year Two:	2C	Irina Bakalova	2R	Ibrahim Hayat	2W	Aliza Ibrahim
Year Three:	3M	Evelina Pisarencu	3H	Sekemi Aina.	3F	Ruqayya Shawjee
Year Four:	4V	Arsh Adnan	4K	Farhan Al Mahmud.	4J	Eliza Cirmac
Year Five:	5T	Yasir Nafiz	5L	Bonnie Carter	5U	Rayan Belizhanov!
Year Six:	6I	Rayana Alia	6G	Rahat Miah	6P	Gabriel Rijker-Sullivan
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Shekina Latalle **Sky Class:** Ismaeel Rahma					
Swimmer of the week	Zenaiya Spaulding-Fenton					

Friday 27th March 2026

NAM: Tianah Makeni NPM: Lydia McAllister						
Reception:	RD	Yusra Kabir	RZ	Theodore Popa	RN	Leo Read
Year One:	1B	Elizaveta Chykaliuk	1S	Dayana Tanase	1A	Mohamed Jasim Afizah
Year Two:	2C	Mahaylia Shillingford	2R	Alina Uddin	2W	Ganellia Kapasa
Year Three:	3M	Remmi Wood.	3H	Skylah Grace Smith	3F	Ayman Haneef.
Year Four:	4V	Hallie Bland	4K	Kenechi Nkeaka.	4J	Arfa Noor
Year Five:	5T	Joan Habeeb.	5L	Tyler Collins	5U	Solomon Kirilov
Year Six:	6I	Sam Aje	6G	Lily Rix	6P	Etsub Binyam
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Suleiman Hossain **Sky Class**: Maisha Miraz					
Star swimmer of the Week	Hamid Akanj					